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Westminster, February 26.

**H**IS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to,

*An Act for continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, in that Part of Great Britain called England, and for granting to his Majesty certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, for the Service of the Year 1739.*

*Petersbourg, February 3.* The 28th of last Month being the Czarina's Birth-day, who then entered into the 47th Year of her Age, all the Foreign Ministers and Persons of Distinction had the Honour to make their Compliments to her Majesty in the Morning; at Night there was a Ball and a fine Fire-work played off. Baron Keyserling set out from hence the 29th of last Month in order to return to Warlaw, her Majesty having made him a Present of 10000 Rubbles; and General Fleming followed him last Friday. Felt Marshal Lacy is still here, waiting the Arrival of Count Munich, who is soon expected. This being the Czarina's Name-day, there was a fine Appearance of Gentry at Court to make their Compliments to her Majesty. At Night the Town was finely illuminated, and there was a Ball at Court.

*Whitehall, February 26.*

His Majesty has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great Britain to Thomas Drury, of Overstone, in the County of Northampton, Esq;

Bank, 14 December, 1738.

Upon a Representation from His Majesty's Postmaster-General, That it is apprehended that the Expectation of finding Bank Bills in the Letters, gives Encouragement to the frequent Robbery of the Mails; The Bank of England, to contribute what in them lies to put a Stop thereto, and to render their Bills of no Significancy or Value to those who are guilty of such flagitious Practices, do declare, That for the Benefit and Security of those who have Occasion to transact Money Affairs in the Country, they will from and after the First Day of January next (instead of Three Days Sight Bills) give to such as desire the same, their Bills payable at Seven Days after Sight to ——— or Order, whereby in Case of a Robbery, the Proprietors will have Time to give Notice thereof, and if the Indorsements are duly filled up, as they expect they should, they can be of no Use or Service but to the right Owners.

And whereas they may fall into those Hands who may be ignorant of the Form of indorsing them, a Blank Indorsement will be printed on the Back for the Parties to fill up, and to be repeated as often as Occasion requires.

War Office, Whitehall, Feb. 24, 1738-9.

Whereas great Frauds have been committed at this Office by Persons receiving Pensions granted to Officers Widows by Means of forged Assignments, Letters of Attorney, Certificates and Affidavits, and by Persons pretending to be and personating Widows as aforesaid: And two Persons being now committed to Newgate on Account of the said Frauds, Notice is hereby given, that no future Payment will be made at this Office by Virtue of any Assignment, or Letter of Attorney already entered at the said Office, without further Satisfaction given thereupon. And such Widows of Officers as are entitled to the said Pension, and who reside within the Bills of Mortality, are hereby required to appear in Person at the said Office, in order to be examined as to their respective Pretensions, for which Purpose Attendance will be given from the Hour of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon till Two, on Wednesday and Friday in every Week during the Month of March next; and such Widows residing within the Bills of Mortality as aforesaid, as are desirous to make Assignments of their Pensions, or grant Letters of Attorney, for the future, are required to execute the same in the Presence of Two of the Clerks in the said Office, to be by them attested. Those Officers Widows that reside at a Distance, are likewise required forthwith to authorize some Person of Credit to appear for them,

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